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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL COUNSEL
CHIEF OF PROCUREMENT

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SUBJECT: Legal Assistance to Chief of Procurement

1. There are a number of matters of current importance in which this office may be of help to the Chief of Procurement as set forth below.

2. There is a need to develop contract forms for the various purposes required from time to time. Forms for negotiated contracts, both fixed price and cost-plus-fixed-fee, should be drawn up and agreed upon. A general revision of the c.p.f.f. research and development form currently in use should be made at this time.

3. There are several pieces of legislation which are of special current importance and should be studied carefully with a view to recommending any needed action, regulations or legislation, as follows:

- a. Public Law 921 (81st Cong.) and Executive Order 10210 reviving Title II of the First War Powers Act.
- b. Public Law 30 (82nd Cong.) amending the Assignment of Claims Act.
- c. The Renegotiation Act of 1951.
- d. Section 2(c)(1) of the Armed Services Procurement Act regarding negotiation of contracts during a national emergency.

4. It has also been suggested that the Agency seek to have GAO raise the limitation on unnumbered contracts from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

5. The recent shift of emphasis under CIA Regulation from the use of unvouchered to the use of vouchered funds has been salutary, but there is a need to develop more definite criteria to show when unvouchered funds should be used. There is also uncertainty as to the extent to which vouchered procedures should be required in effecting unvouchered procurement, e.g., in the solicitation of competition and preparation of justifications for negotiation. A situation of increasing importance which requires special consideration is that of the semi-independent covert establishments being set up by the Agency.

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